

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 184 - SB 333**

February 10, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes any city or county to re-establish the elected office of county school superintendent by vote of the city or county governing body and a referendum. Once re-established, a superintendent will be elected every four years. If a county or city chooses to conduct an election prior to the expiration of an existing contract, the local government is responsible for satisfying any contractual obligation to an incumbent Director of Schools.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Permissive**

**Assumptions:**

- Cities and counties may elect to re-establish the office of school superintendent and buy out an appointed director of schools' contract before the end of the contract, increasing local government expenditures. This one-time permissive increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000 and will depend on the time left on the contract at the time of the buyout.
- Referenda will be timed to coincide with a general election.
- The cost to add this item to the ballot every four years will depend on how many local governments chose to elect their school superintendent.
- All additional election items will be added to the ballot during the normal printing process. Any increase in local expenditures for a referendum or adding this item to the ballot after re-establishment of the office is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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